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Kilbourne tells 'Naked truth'

Speaker to help celebrate Women's History Month

Dr. Jean Kilbourne, an internationally recognized authority on the media, addictions and sex roles, will arrive Tuesday, April 9, and present a slide/lecture on The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women.'

Her speech will begin at 7:30p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, which is sponsored by University's Culture of Quality Project and the Women's Intercollegiate Network as part of the observance of Woman's History Month at Northwest. Kilbourne has lec-

tured extensively throughout North America and abroad.

Some of the issues Kilbourne raises in 'The Naked Truth' include ideal beauty, eating disorders and the obsession with weight, caricaturing of femininity and masculinity, economic discrimination against women, sexual abuse of children, sexual harrassment, teen-age pregnancy, pornography, addictions and the glorification of violence against women.

The presentation is as relevant for men as it is for women.

Although the focus is on the image of women, the effect of this image on men is explored. One of the major goals of the presentation is to expand the dialogue between women and men concerning the damage these stereotypes inflict on our self-images and our ability to relate to each other. Some images of men are also examined.

A frequent guest on radio and television programs, including 'The Today Show,' 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' and 'Hour Magazine,' Kilbourne has also been consulted by ABC and CBS News, '20/20' and 'Nightline'. She

has testified for the United States Congress and served as an advisor to former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. In both



1988 and 1989, she received the 'Lecturer of the Year' award from college and university students, given annually by the National Association for Campus Activities.

With expert knowledge, insight, humor and commitment, Kilbourne brings her audiences to see that although ads may seem harmless and silly, they add up to a powerful form of cultural conditioning.

CAPS robbed

Dean's office broken into

by Kathy Barnes
News Editor

A break in at the Campus Activity Programmers office and the dean of students office occurred sometime between 11 p.m., March 22 and 5 a.m., March 23 in what Campus Safety believes to be a related incident.

A lock box containing about \$100 from the ticket sales of "Three Men and a Little Lady" was taken from the CAPs office, according to Dave Gieseke, CAPs adviser.

Kent Porterfield, acting union manager, reported around 8 a.m. that the door to his outer office (also in the dean of students office) had been broken into.

Apparently, the desk had been gone through but nothing was found missing, according to Jill Hawkins, director of Campus safety.

While checking Porterfield's office, Campus Safety officers noticed the outer office double doors at CAPs had been kicked in causing an estimated \$300 damage to the door.

Also that same day at 5 a.m. one of the east exit doors in Lamkin Gym was kicked in.

"It was first discovered when officers were doing building rounds in Lamkin Gym. The officers heard a crash from the east side," Hawkins said. "It definitely had been kicked in. There was evidence it was done with a shoe or foot."

The officers happened to be in the gym taking extra security checks because there was a warehouse sale in the gym that Saturday morning.

It is not known if the incidents in the union and the gym were related. Hawkins said they could be, but also could be coincidental.

The break ins are still under investigation.

Gettin' Crocked



SIGN LANGUAGE- Students socialize and bask in the atmosphere of the newest bar in town, The Outback. The Outback features four pool tables, a dance floor, and a big screen TV. See related story on page 4. (Photo by Don Carrick)

Live from Lamkin

Piscopo to perform

One of the top comics performing today is coming to campus for a one-night stand.

Joe Piscopo will bring his "Rock 'n Roll Comedy Show" to campus Lamkin Gym tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are still on sale for Piscopo's unique show. So far, 800 have been sold and Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said he expects 100 more to be sold today.

Tickets are \$5 for Northwest

students; \$8 for faculty and staff, and other students; and \$10 for adults. All ticket prices increase \$2 at the door.

Piscopo's show will feature his now-famous impressions of such



celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Phil Donahue, Ivana Trump, Robert DeNiro, Andy Rooney, Axel Rose and Larry King. His act also includes stints as "Rappin' Fats" and the "Spanish Guy."

Lovefest hits Northwest in week-long celebration

by Jeff T. Behney

Staff Writer

April 8-12 has been set aside as the first 'I Love Northwest Week.'

Student Senate came up with the idea last October after seeing other campuses throwing something similiar to this during the spring.

"It's to get students excited again," said freshman class president Jennifer Schug. "It was created to show faculty and staff we're proud to say we support them."

Tom Vansaghi, student senate president, said, "We're taking a week to show what we got going here (at Northwest)."

1 Love Northwest Week' will

kickoff at noon under the Bell Tower. The student senate will unveil a new student crest during the ceremony. The crest will soon be seen on

t-shirts, sweat shirts and other college insignia.

The Spanish Den will be the

sight of featured speakers each day. Faculty members amongst

See Love p.5

Tarkio announces May closing after failing to raise \$3 million funding

Athletic, academic programs halt; 388

students displaced

Having failed in a \$3 million fundraising effort, Tarkio College has announced plans to stop operating at the end of the current semester and will stay closed indefinitely.

"Regretfully, I must announce ... that the college will suspend indefinitely its athletic and academic programs as of May 31, 1991," Tarkio President William E. Walker said at a news conference Saturday.

Walker said the school's board of trustees voted Saturday to shut down the financially troubled four-year school.

"The deliberations were long extended," he said. "There was a great deal of outpouring for the college. There was a significant regret in terms of each vote that had to be cast, whether it had to be cast pro or con, and a strong

sense that every person in that room would wish the announcement were in the other direction."

The board did not say how many members supported closing the school. Seventeen of the 22 board members attended the meeting.

Last month, the board said it needed \$3 million in cash or pledges to keep the school going. But school officials said Saturday that only \$450,000 was raised.

Tarkio, located in Atchison County in etreme northwestern Missouri, is a private school with an enrollment of 388 students. The suspension has also affected the schools' dgree completion programs in St. Louis, Springfield, Lee's Summit nd Jefferson City, school officials said.

"The Board could not find the resources to open and complete another academic year," Walker said.

The degree completion program, which accounts for 650 ad-

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'I Love Northwest' Schedule of Events

Monday, April 8

Noon-Kickoff, student crest unveiled All day-RHA banner contest

Tuesday, April 9

7 a.m.-Faculty Recognition Breakfast 12:30 p.m.-Cherine Heckman to speak in Den

All day-honor residential life staff

Wednesday, April 10
11 a.m. -University picnic, ABC carnival

under Bell Tower Noon-Bill Dizney to speak at Bell 5:30 p.m.-Recognition dinner at University Conference Center Thursday, April 11

10 a.m.to 4 p.m.-Tower Queen elections at Gazebo 12:30 p.m.-Speaker in Den to be announced.

Friday, April 12
Noon-Everett Brown to speak in Den
Saturday, April 13

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.-Quality of Life community clean-up 8:30 p.m.-Tower Dance in Union Ballroon, crowning of Tower Queen

Six students arrested in undercover operation

by Kathy Barnes
News Editor

Six Northwest students have been arrested since Friday, March 29, in connection with an on-going undercover drug operation held by the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department since October, accord-

ing to Jill Hawkins, director of Campus Safety.

Two students were arrested Friday, March 29, and four more students were arrested on Tuesday, April 2, in connection with an ongoing undercover drug operation.

Jason Haza, 19, Maryville, was arrested and charged with one Class B felony for allegedly selling of LSD on March 7 to an undercover officer and one Class C felony for allegedly selling marijuana on Feb. 23, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird said.

Ken P. Colquohoun, 29, Maryville, was arrested and charged with

one Class C felony count for allegedly selling marijuana on March

28 to an undercover deputy.

Colquhoun was arrested last week and charged with alleged possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, in connection with the same undercover operation.

Jason Atkins, 20, Maryville, was arrested and charged with one Class C felony count allegedly selling marijuana on Feb. 23 to an undercover deputy.

Brian Wilson, 19, Maryville, was arrested and charged with one Class C felony count for allegedly selling marijuana Feb. 23 to an undercover officer.

The two other students arrested last week in the undercover operation were Tony Hamilton, 20, Maryville, charged with one Class B felony count alleged sale of LSD on Jan. 15, and Matt Sorenson, 20, Maryville, charged with two counts of alleged sale of marijuana on Jan. 15 and 16.

OUR VIEW

Beautification needs united effort of all

The current rezoning proposal threatens to be one of the most volatile issues facing Maryville residents in a long while. The new plan to redivide the city is dividing its citizens.

Sadly, many permanent residents have seen their neighborhoods deteriorate. Regardless of where the blame may lie for this, everyone needs to share in the effort to make sure Maryville is a beautiful place for everyone to live.

First, there are some irresponsible and disrespectful students who are not very pleasant neighbors to Maryville residents. These residents have used their hard-earned money to buy the American dream complete with garage and well-manicured lawn, only to have the yard next door look like an aluminum can recycling plant.

One day, we will be the homeowners. Do we want to live and raise our children next to a home that is a cross between Animal House and Sanford and Son's

Second, students do need better off-campus housing at reasonable rates. New apartment buildings would certainly look better than old, run-down houses. If students had nice places to live, they would probably take more pride in the appearance of their dwelling. People take better care of a newer car than an old jalopy.

Third, residents need to refrain from judging all students by the irresponsible actions of some. Students bring in approximately \$12 million yearly to Maryville's economy. If they cannot find adequate housing, they will take their dollars to another college town. It could cause irreversible damage to local businesses who rely on student customers.

Finally, landlords need to re-invest their earnings into their rental properties. Many students complain of plumbing, electrical and heating problems. Several properties could use new paint jobs and landscaping. Renters should be carefully screened, and if they fail to take care of the property they should be booted out. Maybe next time they will take better care of their home or apartment.

City enforcement of ordinances should be stepped up. New residents may be unaware of certain city laws. A handbook listing them may help prevent some of the problems.

Students and residents will have to work together to rectify the unsatisfactory condition of some of the neighborhoods. Perhaps next year's I Love Northwest Week should become I Love Maryville Week so students and residents can take pride in our town together.

Nobody's perfect, folks



Morris Code

by Gene Morris **Managing Editor**

A recent conversation I had with a few of my friends on the way back to Maryville this past weekend reminded me of how much we judge others without really knowing them.

In our discussion we were talking about a powerful St. Louis businessman who passed away last year. We were talking about August A. (Gussie) Busch, Jr. The man was someone I held in rather high esteem for what he did for the St. Louis area and the Cardinals.

A woman in the car brought up some things about Busch that I found hard to believe. She was talking about what he had done to the Anheuser family. There were bitter feelings between the two families today. Apparently the Anheuser family felt they were ripped off when Busch bought them out some years ago, long before the company ruled the beer industry like it does today.

She went to high school with members of both families and talked about how they didn't get along. She didn't like August A. Busch, Jr., very much and liked his son even

It was a shame that the two families didn't get along anymore. When the Busch and Anheuser families first came to St. Louis, they wheeled the beer in on a cart. They were the best of friends.

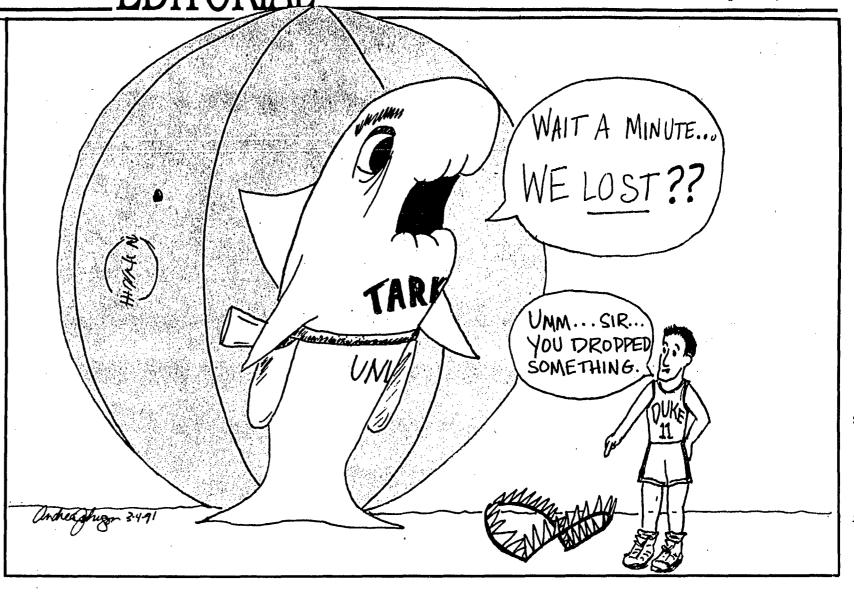
It is easy to have the "grass is greener on the other side" attitude without trying to see how these people really feel. Neither of us had even spent a day with August A. Busch Jr., but we both made judgments about his character.

We were talking about a. man who had passed away. We couldn't even let him rest, but had to argue about what the man had done while he was here.

It just isn't right to speak badly of the dead. I don't care who they are or what they have done. It is just a case of having a little respect.

I think most of us would like to be remembered by the positive things we did as opposed to the things we would have liked to change.

Maybe we would all be a little better off if we looked at our own shortcomings first. Then we would be less likely to talk about someone else. Like many things in life, it is much easier said than done, but then again, the things we have to work the hardest for are the ones that we end up. enjoying the most.



Little shopping horrors

Hero's nutrition nightmares

Your hero went grocery shopping today. Perhaps it was about the millionth shopping trip where the only things I could afford were cat food, toilet paper and paper plates. Boy, you can make a real gourmet meal out of those items.

While I stood in the check-out thinking about college students and their eating habits, I took a hard look at certain cuisine habits I have aquired from my many years in college.

First of all, if I ever get to write a book about one of the most important things I learned here at Northwest, I think I'll call it "101 ways to fix macaroni." You can't beat the price of a box of the stuff and all you really need to buy to make it is milk and butter.

Plus, you can add just about anything to it, which really comes in handy when you just don't know what to do with that last can of turnips that your parents bought you when they visited for Family Day. Hey, don't knock it, when you're broke you tend to have to stretch the creative imagination. (Perhaps tur-

nips in macaroni were a little too much for the imagination, sorry.)

There are many ways college students learn to adapt to situations such as living in the dorms. When you're only allowed to have a hot pot, it limits the choices significantly. So, my roommate and I devised several plots to work around this situation, such as heating our pop tarts with our iron and putting cans of soup on the heaters when we left in the morning. With the small amount of heat that flowed in to our room, it took most of the day to heat the stuff anyway.

If these things didn't work, you could try what neighbors of ours did on several occasions. It wasn't exactly odd to catch them sneaking in at all hours of the night with a sackful of donuts they had conned the salespeople at the gas stations out of. If that didn't work and they had enough liquid courage in them, they would hang out by the dumpsters where the donuts were dumped, box and all, then bring the treats back to share with the rest of the dorm.

Another fun trick was ordering pizza from a friend's house in town that was strategically hard to find so the Dominos driver couldn't find us, thus winning us a discount. In the good old days, you could get the pizzas for free, but not anymore. Thanks, Uncle

When there aren't many funds, whether the ones you did have were spent on frivolities or the bars or whatever, have you noticed that food you never would have eaten for your mother when you were little becomes ever so much more appealing? Have you ever experienced the devil-angel syndrome of staring at your roommate's food and thinking they'll never miss just one item if you go by the store to replace it tomorrow? Somehow tomorrow never comes, and they just end up getting you back later when they are in the same predicament.

I've come to the conclusion that most of our parents learned the same eating habits we have. How else could you explain the strange combinations that grace the tables when we come home? You know the type, dishes like asparagus/mushroom divan with hotdogs on the side. At the end of one semester, all I had in the cupboard was green beans, honey and popcorn. After carefully considering the options, I think I went to DQ and spent my last 49 cents instead.

If any of this sounds familiar,

STROLLER

don't feel like you're alone. It's an art form among college students. We probably learn as much about nutrition and lack thereof than we do about academics in college. Human environmental majors need to give the rest of us lessons, although I suspect even some of them occasionally fall prey to a tempting Twinkie or two during weak moments.

Anyway, it's almost summer and some of us can go back to actual home-cooked meals and try to straighten out our diets. For those of you who won't, perhaps your parents will read this and prepare an emergency care package ASAP . . .



LETTERS

Readers offer different opinions on NY

Dear Editor,

I am a graduating senior from this University, and while I have not always liked or even agreed with our campus paper, I have never been totally ashamed of it. I am now. I am speaking about the article "City that never sleeps." Talk about bigoted. You take a trip to New York and expect to see one city in a short time, then relate an incident involving a stranger that you admit spoke in a foreign language, and then have the audacity to judge all New Yorkers based on that. You need to look a bit closer at home folks. You can find that same thing in your own little corner of the world. I'm sure you could have found a better way to tell us all how glad you were to be back without maligning New York and their people.

Jeanne Kilgore

Dear Editor,

This is in response to your comments about New York. You had it right when you said it wasn't your kind of town. I have been all over the world, and I don't believe you gave my home a fair shake. You wouldn't have a tendency to smile all the time if you had to bust your butt and prove yourself every day. I don't know about you but no one helped me get through college. I did it all on my own, no parents, no scholarships and, until this year, no financial aid. Needless to say, working full time and going to school full time does not put me in a smiling mood.

And as for being "grime caked" when it comes to filthy cities check out Paris or go back to London and take a closer look. The crime you described can be found in any major city in the world. You must not have really wanted to see grass or the sky because New York has some wonderful parks. And if you needed more of mother nature you could have driven an hour outside of the city and seen some of the most beautiful land on God's green earth. People who don't know New York seem to think the state is just New York City and Buffalo. These two cities make up tiny portions of the state. If it were so bad the resorts, ski lodges and the Olympic training center would

I have noticed when I tell people where I am from they automatically prejudge me and where I'm from. If instead of going with the idea of what New York should be, you had gone with your eyes unclouded, you would have been amazed and had the time of your

Lynn Hepburn



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State Senate passes educational tax

Biggest increase in state history

by Laura Pierson Editor in Chief

The Missouri Senate passed the largest tax increase in state history to raise money for education, included was an amendment to the MoBucks program, allowing students to apply for low-interest loans to finance college.

House Speaker Bob Griffin said a pending \$175 million House-sponsored tax increase may be added to the \$456 million Senate bill as well. If the bills clear legislative hurdles, they would be sent to Gov. John Ashcroft, who is not very supportive of the tax increase.

In a statement released by his office the governor said, "The Senate bill puts us on the road to reform in higher education, but it gives the taxpayers a Yugo at a Mercedes-Benz price."

Barring a veto from Ashcroft, Missourians will vote on the package in November.

The money would be raised by putting a cap on state deduction for federal income taxes paid at \$10,000 for individuals; increasing state sales tax by 3/8 of a cent and cigarette tax by 4 cents. Corporate tax would increase to a maximum of 6.5 percent and corporations would be allowed to deduct only 50 percent of their federal taxes when state returns are figured.

The MoBucks amendment, sponsored by State Senator Steve Danner, 28th District, would make students attending Missouri colleges eligible for low-interest loans. MoBucks would make available \$50 million to lending institutions at interest rates 3 percent below current market levels.

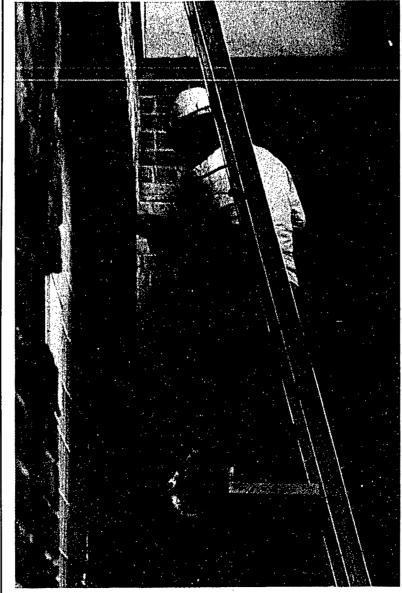
Currently, the MoBucks money is designated to be loaned to small businesses and water supply systems.

University President Dean Hubbard has given the amendment his full support. He said anything that helps students finance college is a plus for the

"The basic question you have to ask, and this is what I remind legislators, is education an expense or an investment?" Hubbard said.

He added that anyone the state helps put through college is one less person the state would have to pay welfare to.

Having A Blast



CHIPPIN' AWAY- A worker takes out old bricks surrounding the mail room window in back of the Administration Building. The replacement of bricks is part of a renovation project for the Ad Building. (Photo by Don Carrick)

911 wins approval

System installed by November

by Kathy Barnes News Editor

Following overwhelming support Tuesday, April 2, by Maryville voters, a 911 emergency service system will be implemented and could be ready by late November, according to Public Safety Director Keith Wood.

"I feel like this indicates support for the system by the Maryville community," Wood said. "I believe the citizens recognize the need for such available

During his push for 911 service, Wood cited several advan-

"The only number you need to know for help will be an easy to remember, three digit number," Wood said. "The number will access police, fire and ambulance, replacing multiple existing, sometimes hard-to-remember seven digit numbers."

Wood said another advantage is that the number is easier to teach children, and that the number would be available at pay phones without having to put any money in them.

"The origin of the call would also be immediately available to the dispatcher," Wood continued, "Speeding up response times and allowing location information when the caller can't communicate for various reasons."

Address information would also be immediately available to the dispatcher when the call is answered.

Wood added that the system would be updated each night by the phone company to include all changes in address and telephone information to keep it up-to-date.

Installation of the system is expected to take about six to nine months, Wood said. "I'm a little bit optimistic and expect service to be ready by Thanksgiving," he

Cost for 911 service will be assessed monthly on phone bills with 582 and 562 prefixes. The cost for a private party residential line will be 75 cents per month and 53 cents per month for a four-party residential line. Business lines will be assessed \$1.48 for private party lines and \$1.04 for four-party lines. Business trunks will be charged \$2.59 per month, business pay phone owners will be charged \$1.48.

"There are no other hidden costs, and there are only positive effects to having such a system," Wood said.

Faculty salaries rank low in region

by Jill Erickson Staff Writer

The average Northwest faculty salary ranks the lowest (12th of 13) among regional Missouri universities, according to a report in the current "Academe," a bulletin from the American Association for University Professor.

The "Academe" reported that the average faculty member in the United States earned \$41,800 in 1990-91. The average Northwest faculty, however, earned \$34,400, \$7,400 less. These figures are an average of all faculty positions and their fields.

"Any individual you meet on the sidewalk will tell you they ought to be paid more," President Dean Hubbard said. "But the fact is, our salary range falls within the national averages that are published yearly by the "Chronicle of Higher Education."

"You can always pick out a peer group that you're going to look bad compared to," Hubbard cautioned. "The mix of programs that exist within the school can distort (the averages.)"

Interestingly, the 'Academe' also reported that the average salaries for male faculty were slightly higher than female faculty in all areas.

Because Northwest is a public

institution, Hubbard said, it has a greater responsibility to its student's than do private institutions. That responsibility, he said, is to provide students with the best faculty Northwest can afford, and do so without forcing students to pay unreasonable tuition costs to cover the competitive faculty salaries.

"Really what we're dealing with is a marketplace," Hubbard explained. "We pay competitive salaries to faculty at the entry level, but we don't have to pay more than that."

He explained that paying more than competitive prices would deny runding to other areas in the University, like salaries of full professors and so on.

In 1991, for example, 60 percent of all University funding went toward instructors while 9 percent went toward administrative salaries, and 11 percent went toward maintenance funding.

Some Northwest faculty members are concerned that they are earning less because it carries an underlying message that Missouri and Gov. John Ashcroft are not supporting higher education with dollars that match the talk.

"I am not content with my salary," professor of chemistry and physics Dr. James Lott said, "because, basically, it has not kept up with the cost of living."

Dr. Ed Farquhar, chairman of chemistry and physics said that the state and the governor are certainly to be criticized for the lack of support to public institutions.

Other faculty members have questioned the equity between administratively salaries and faculty salaries b

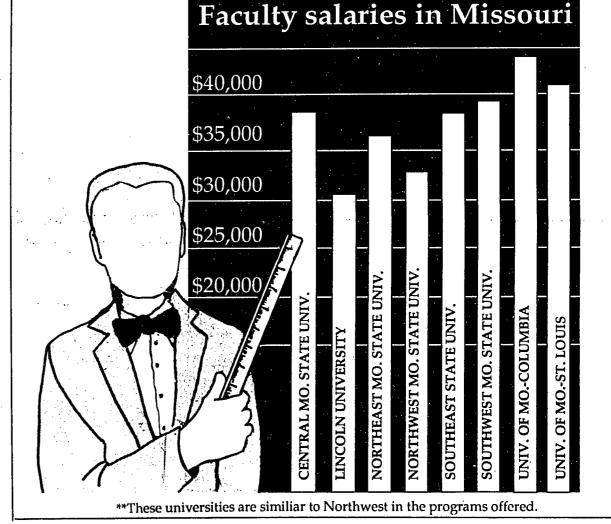
Dr. Robert Bohlken, professor of speech, recently wrote Hubbard a letter expressing this concern. Hubbard replied with 'Chronicle" statistics detailing the national average of administrative salaries and he compared these figures to Northwest administrators, which were at national level or below.

"Administrators are making more than faculty," Bohlken said. "when the faculty have doctorates and should make more than someone with a B.S. in administration."

In 1985, when Hubbard began at Northwest, he promised to move \$1.3 million from other budgeted area into faculty salaries.

"I told the faculty when I first came here," Hubbard said, "that my goal was to get their salaries up to the national average."

Six years later, faculty salaries have increased by 3.3 percent



while administrative salaries have reduced .9 percent. The budget for instruction has also increased by 3.3 percent.

For 1991-92, Northwest will receive the same amount of state funds as it did for its 1990-91 budget.

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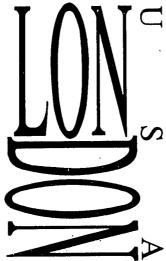
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"There probably won't be any increases in faculty salaries," Hubbard said. "The way it's looking, our budget will be flat, which actually means a decrease in resources because other costs

Although he may lose some ground in the numbers battle, Hubbard felt confident that Northwest would not have to: decrease salaries.

"We are certainly in better shape to weather this recession than other universities," he said.





Friday, April 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Student Union Patio (weather permitting) Alternative location: Union Ballroom *No charge

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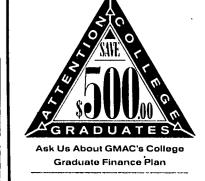
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12-1:00 p.m. at lunch





Panhellenic would like to invite the faculty of Northwest to breakfast.

Tuesday April 9

7 - 9 a.m.

University Club South

Let them know you care. Put a personal in the Missourian classifieds.

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The Outback makes debut to crowded



Englishprofessor presents paper

by Traci Runyon Staff Writer

Six teachers from the English department, including Dr. Michael Allen, attended a conference in Boston last week.

The College Composition Communication Conference met to discuss and exchange ideas and views about assessment, or the testing of writing ability.

Allen, a membership representative of the CCC, along with a past colleague from Ohio, presented a paper. The two spoke of "Self Evaluation in the Traditional and Computer Classroom."

Self evaluation is how the faculty decides which students belong in honors or the traditional classes.

"We get worse self evaluation in the traditional classroom because it's just another form," Allen said. "Computers get rid of constraints about writing."

Although Northwest is categorized as a computer campus, the University does not have the facilities to teach its students on the computers on a daily basis.

Due to the lack of computers at this time, the English department has devised a new writing program to assess its students. Starting next year, faculty will use a portfolio assessment requiring English 112 students to put together samples of their writing which must be approved before they can pass.

Currently, they are sifting through a number of portfolio programs. At a meeting next week of the Freshman Writing Committee, they plan to decide what ideas they do or do not want to keep and then get a new format of assessment underway.

"Many state universities are under pressure from the state for assessment," Allen said. "Writing is not a content area but rather a performance."

The gathering of teachers in Boston proved beneficial in Allen's eyes because the faculty returned with several new ideas for the English department.

made in Maryville's only theme bar by Traci Todd Assistant News Editor The Outback, Maryville's newest bar, opened last night.

According to Scott Sadaro, one of

the four co-owners, about 40

people showed up in the first 20

minutes. Sadaro said that he was

began inquiring about the bar the

second week of February, but

knew before then that it was up

According to Sadaro they knew about the business the bar had

done before and knew with hard

work and dedication that the bar

The owners started working on

the interior of the bar the Mon-

day of Spring Break. "We each

put in about 10 hours of work a

day," Sadaro said Some of them

stayed at the bar Tuesday night,

putting on the final touches.

Sadaro said after a late night, he

went in early Wednesday

The interior has been totally

remodeled. The DJ's booth that

for sale.

would pay off.

Student owned and operated bar to be

'fun;' remodeling and improvements

fixed. excited about the opening night. The Outback, formerly the been inquiring about renting the Powerstation, was purchased by bar for the evenings and that Sadaro, John Wanninger, Jason they are considering that option. Brown and Chad Jochims. They

The owners are still in the process of planning events at the bar. Big Thing, a band out of Lincoln will be playing on Monday, April 13. Sadaro said that they would like to have bands every week, but currently, they are running 10 days to 2 weeks apart.

Two bands will be playing during Greek Week. Over the summer, they will have a band every week:

For the nights they don't have a band, there is a DJ and "an incredible sound system," said Sadaro. "We want to make it fun instead of just a bar. There will be no giant cover charge."

To keep it fun, the bar has a big screen television, darts and video games. Sadaro said it is loaded with everything. Plans are being

used to be behind the dance floor is now in the air, and the loft has double-level seating that overlooks the bar. According to Sadaro, even the bathrooms have been remodeled and fixed. He went on to say that exhaust fans were installed to suck out the heat and the air conditioner was Sadaro said that people have

PASSING THE BAR- In need of refreshment, Chris Still pays Outback bartender Jim DeVoss on the bar's opening night. The Outback is owned by four Northwest students. (Photo by Don Carrick)

made for events like contests, give-aways, amateur nights and pool tournaments.

Due to the time factor, not everything they wanted to do to the bar got accomplished. "We wanted to hurry up and get it open," Sadaro said.

The outside of the building was not redone. The door was painted, but over the summer, they would like to refinish the exterior and make the building look brand new. "It's a solid building. If a tornado came through, it wouldn't hurt it," said Sadaro. They would also like to put glass

windows in the front of the building so people can see in. They also hope to put in a fry kitchen over the summer. This would allow them to expand the bar, by serving hamburgers and

The bar is also expanding in the way of t-shirt sales. Sadaro

said the shirts should be in at the end of this week or early next week. They will have the Outback logo and motto on them.

The Outback is open Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and according to Sadaro will probably open at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

The bar has special features like a Friday Happy Hour from 2 to 6 p.m. and Over-Under Night two nights a week.

Test rates Northwest students among nationwide norms

by Charmla Thoren

Staff Writer ingil soull

morning.

The results from the ETS

Academic Profile test the seniors took are back and Northwest was comparable to the nationwide norms.

Seniors from Augustana College in South Dakota, Concordia College in Minnesota, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, in Wisconsin, and Missouri Southern State College were some of the participants in the profile.

"I'm pleased with the results for the first time through," Dr. Patt VanDyke, coordinator of assessment at the Talent Development Center said.

Although the results were good, changes may still be made in some areas. In a few years, VanDyke estimates that the scores will be evaluated according to the new CORE and the University's goals to see how well they have worked together.

Another important feedback result has been received. The College Student Experiences Questionnairs has broken down the students into the four colleges to see how much knowledge has been learned. "This survey pinpoints the

estimate of gains for students," VanDyke explained. The survey asked how much

the student gained in various areas, such as knowing oneself, working in teams and the different areas of education like science, math and computers.

"We need to turn out as balanced and wholesome people as we can," VanDyke said.

The trend now is to broadly educate the students and let the company or organization teach the way they want that person to work. This leaves the emphasis on general education and takes it away from the students' majors.

"We often hear 'as soon as I get that requirement out of the way', and it becomes a part of the culture of all campuses," VanDyke said. "We need to shift from competition to cooperation."

The survey will be used to decide which colleges need to improve in specific areas. The results will also allow the administrators to think of alternatives to make the changes or to see if a change really needs to

Buildings need modernization

State slashes University repair funds with Bill 17

by Charmla Thoren Staff Writer

Many students simply do not have enough money for everything they need. So many times students will sacrifice one bill in order to pay another. The University understands this problem because it is lacking in funds, too.

House Bill 17 is "an act to appropriate money for capital improvement projects involving the repair, replacement and maintenance of state buildings and facilities..."

Section 17.040 of this bill allocated \$58,298 to Northwest for repair or replacement in emergencies.

"University of Missouri is getting the lion's share," Warren Gose, vice president for finance, said. "Of course they have a lot of buildings, too."

According to Gose, the University asked for a total of \$9,098,666 and received less than 1 percent of what they asked for.

"We want to be able to get the very best for our students and we need money for that," Gose said. There are four categories the

money is to be used for: maintenance and repair, remodeling and renovation, planning and new construction. According to Gose, the University asked for most of the money for maintenance and repair, which would aid in the repair of Lamkin Gym.

"We're only allowed to use 97 percent of the appropriation," Gose said. "We ask for the remaining 3 percent in April."

The small amount of money the University received cannot cover all of the expenses the University has.

"Colden Hall and Garrett-Strong need modernized some day," Gose explained.

He also added that Martindale Gym needs air conditioning installed and shower and locker repair. Another problem is the storage tanks need to be upgraded due to a federal mandate.

"It just won't get done," Gose said. "We don't have the money."

Although the University provides services to check for problems on roofs and on the rest of the buildings, no one can be prepared for the unexpected damages that occur.

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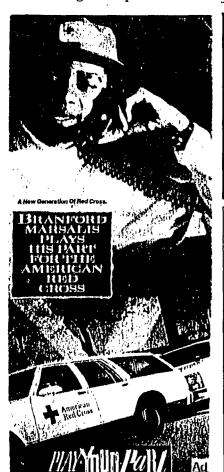
-Warren Gose vice president for finance

"The elevator in Colden Hall went out last week," Gose explained. "That repair was a little less than \$30,000."

The money from this bill does not include residence halls or the student union. It can only be used for buildings that hold

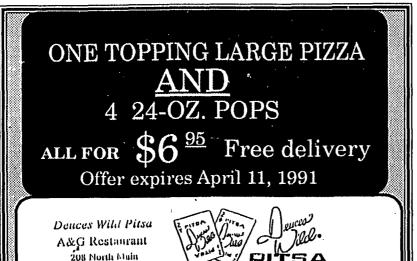
According to Gose, even though there are bills in the House and Senate trying to get more money for higher education, next year does not seem to look any better.

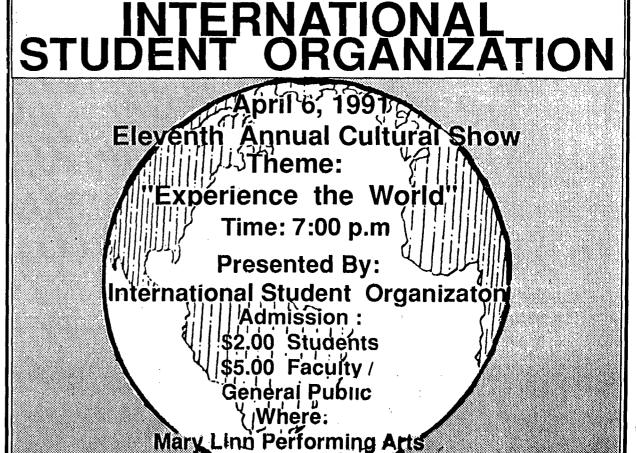
"It doesn't look like we'll be get-ting a penny more," Gose said. "The base is being reduced from 97 percent to 94.5 percent."



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BRIDGE WORK - Surveying the road, Steve Oglesby from Midland Engineering checks to make sure the bridge will be level. After five years, students can expect to see a new bridge when they return for the fall semester. (Photo by Brandon Russell)

Bridge one step closer to completion

by Tracy Lykins Staff Writer by Traci Runyon Staff Writer

Environmental Services has not burned any bridges in hurrying the completion of the bridge at the north end of campus. After a five year delay, construction on the bridge at the north end of campus began Feb. 20.

The bridge that once occupied this spot was closed down because it was considered unsafe for driving. The pathway remained untouched until approximately two years ago when the University purchased the land for its own purposes. 19 8 19 1

At that time, the city of

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dents to finish their studies at

Sterling College in Sterling,

director Kristine Christlieb said.

1883, was also severely strapped

by its \$9.9 million debt to the U.S.

Department of Education for ted-

Much of that resulted from programs begun by former

school President Dennis

Spellman. Although enrollment

mushroomed under such pro-

grams, student loan defaults also

grew, ending with Spellman's

Spellman is currently under in-

vestigation by the Department of

Education, which is alleging

similar loan default irregularities

at Missouri Valley College in

departure.

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Maryville, Nodaway County and Polk Township in conjunction with Northwest received a grant which would pay for 80 percent of the funding for this new pathway. The remaining 20 percent would be divided among those involved in the project.

The construction crew has nearly finished clearing and preparing the area, according to Garth Parker, director of environmental services.

The crew expects to be done with the roadway by June 1. "That's when the contractor has to have it done or start paying a penalty," Parker said.

Parker said it will be a 24 to 28. foot concrete road with a sidewalk on the west side of the

Kansas City's

wins \$1,000

scholarship,

Jones reigns as

Miss Northwest,

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AL SERVICES, INC.

The original plan was for the University to construct the road by itself, but that plan changed.

"At the cities request we have gone through a federal grant process and have received federal funds for the road and because of that it has taken quite a bit of time to get the paperwork cleared through the state and through the federal government and also to get the appropriate design work done by an engineer."

He added that sampling of the dirt also had to be done and they had to go through a bid process. The engineer's working on the project is Middleton of Maryville and Locke Sand and Gravel is the contractor.

"There are a lot of people involved, the city is involved, the county, Polk township and the University," Parker said.

"We hope the students will be patient," Garth Parker said. "The path may be steep, but we'll try to keep it in good condition so it doesn't get dangerous."

It has been difficult at times for some of the students who use the bridge on a daily basis to remain patient.

"The walk is okay, but it's about time," Teresa Mattson, tenant of Northridge Apartments said. "It's ridiculous to have to drive all the way around the block. It'll be nice when you can drive straight through to campus."

Violent incidents result in charges, arrests, damages

Fight between two students at Pub leads to vandalism at fraternity house

by Tonya Reser Staff Writer

Two incidents involving Delta Chi members and other students have occurred recently resulting in arrests, assault charges and property damages. But things are getting "back to normal" according to Keith Wood, director of Maryville Public Safety.

The incidents started at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, March 21, when two arrests for fighting were made at the Maryville Pub, 414 N. Main, after an alleged brawl took place involving two students. Other students got involved, including bouncer Eric Livengood.

Livengood and MacArther Joiner were arrested, while assault charges were filed against student John Washington, who allegedly hit students Mike Shane and Kerri Howard that morning at the Pub. Charges were filed with the city prosecutor.

Shane said he doesn't know what is going on and, as far as he knows, it is completely up to the city prosecutor.

Saturday, March 23, the Delta Chi house was vandalized by a group of students throwing bricks breaking four windows, three light fixtures and denting the door. A few of the neighbor's yards were also damaged.

One of the fraternity member's car was put in neutral and pushed down the road. No damage was done. The police were contacted, but no one has been charged for the incident.

However, the Delta Chis are planning on prosecuting the students if they can be identified. Four students were identified as allegedly being at the house that night and are considered suspects in the occurrence, However, they have not been identified as actually causing the damage, according to Lt. Dave Lin.

"We have connected the two incidents together," he added.

"We are prosecuting only to receive damages caused to the house," said Delta Chi President Chris Brockmeier.

Washington said that he can't see why the two incidents are connected. He claims he was not at the Delta Chi house that night, but does admit having a confrontation with Shane at the Pub.

According to Wood, although the original incident at the bar was between one white male and one black male this is not a racial matter. This is not group against group situation and should not be taken that way either. Things are dying out, and the police are investigating the incidents and suspects for what has already taken place.

"It is something we consider dropped and are staying out of." said Steve Linder, Delta Chi vice president. "I think it is all cleared up and a mix up."

The management at the Pub is not planning on charging anyone for the damage during the incident.

Love: 'I Love Northwest' week features speakers, picnic

other Northwest support staff will be giving their version of what makes our school 'special' to them.

"The speakers will try to generate support and enthuiasm throughout the students," said Vansaghi. "Administrators will give short speeches on how they view Northwest Missouri State University."

A picnic is set for Wednesday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the afternoon at the Bell Tower with faculty chefs barbecueing and KDLX providing the entertainment. Bill Dizney will be the distinguished speaker at noon at the Bell Tower for the I Love Northwest Week picnic.

Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the Conference Center, Student Senate has also put together an awards banquet. The awards will be given to students, faculty and staff at Northwest who have been singled out for their excellence.

The scheduled I Love Northwest Variety show is the only project that fell through. Vansaghi believes the reason the project fell through was because it was introduced too late with only a few groups willing to participate.

AND THE WINNERS ARE ... - From left, Debra Massengale, 3rd runner up, Abigail Arauz, 2nd runner up, D.J. Jones, winner, Debbie Blackwell, 4th runner up, and Kara Weston, 1st runner up. (Photo by Todd Weddle)

KIDS SAYTHE DARNEDEST THINGS- During the crowning of Little Miss Northwest Missouri 1991, Mike Johnson interviews Natasha Ann Collins. The winner of the Little Miss Northwest Missouri 1991 was five year- old Christina Lynn Grahl. (Photo by Todd Weddle)

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A message provided by this newspaper and Beer Drinkers of America

by Michael Griffith Staff Writer

D.J. Jones, a music major attending Penn Valley College, won the Miss Northwest Scholarship Pegeant held last Saturday evening March 30 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Iones was crowned Miss Northwest Missouri for 1991 by last year's winner Kim Todd.

Besides Miss Northwest, another pageant winner was

the 5-year-old daughter of Steve and Sherry Grahl of Maitland received the honor of becoming Little Miss Northwest.

Jones, a past winner of the Miss Cameron and the Miss Show Me contests and second runner up for Miss Missouri hopes to use the win in the Miss Northwest Pageant to propel her to a win in the Miss Missouri Pageant. She plans to continue her college work by using the \$1,000 scholarship and the \$700 from the businesses in the Maryville area.

The Miss Northwest contestants competed in four events: the interview portion was worth 30 percent of the total amount of points, the talent competition worth 40 percent, the swimsuit competition worth 15 percent and the evening gown also worth 15 percent.

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Scholarships handed out Sunday

The College of Arts and Humanities at Northwest will hold its honors convocation at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 7, in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Scholarships for the 1991-92 academic year will be handed out and top students will be honored.

Robert Sunkel, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, and University President Dean Hubbard, will give remarks during the honors convocation, while Dr. Virgil Albertini, professor of English, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Northwest Brass Choir. Brenda Ryan, special appointment in the department of English, will also give a reading during the event.

Committee holds informal session

The Maryville Planning and Zoning Committee held an informal work session at City Hall Wednesday evening.

The session was basically a discussion of the existing proposal. Voting, additions or deletions to the proposal will be discussed at the next Planning and Zoning meeting, which will be held April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Speech faculty members hit the road

The University speech department faculty members will be busy at professional meetings early this month.

Dr. Roy Leeper, associate professor, will present a paper Sunday, April 7, at the 61st Southern States Communication Association in Tampa, Fla.

Leeper's paper is titled, "Justice Brennan's Concept of Structual-Functionalism and First Amendment Theory."

A few days later in Chicago, several department faculty members will be participating in the April 11-14 Central States Communications Association's 60th anniversary conference.

LOOKING TOWARD

20,000 U.S. troops soon to leave Iraq

(Partially reprinted from the Kansas City Star) IN THE EU-PHRATES VALLEY, Iraq - In a thinning of its forces, the U.S. Army plans to begin within two weeks to withdraw about 20,000 troops in southern Iraq, roughly a quarter of its combat forces there, Army commanders said Sunday

The reason for the withdrawal, the officials said, was the trac's military had been so devastated by the Persian Gulf war that there was no longer any need for the large U.S. force deployed in Iraq.

Israel says goodbye to U.S. Scudbusters

(USA Today) Israelis gave a warm and grateful send-off Tuesday to U.S. Patriot missile crews that defended their country against Iraqi Scuds. Thope we will never be in need of your help again, but if we do, I am sure we will be able to count on you -- the Scudbusters," Maj. Gen. Avihu Bin Nun, Israeli Air Force commander, said in a ceremony near Tel Aviv. About 700 troops were placed in Israel with the anti-missile batteries 10 weeks ago after the first of 18 missile barrages.

U.S. soldier wounded

(USA Today) A U.S. soldier lost both legs Tuesday when a live cluster bomb left over from the war exploded as he was clearing an area for more shelter at a refugee camp in Kuwait, said Red Cross official Thomas Kerkering. The soldier's name was not available.

Students, deserters executed in Iraq

(USA Today) U.S. military officials reported Tuesday that Iraqi hit teams are rounding up college students and military deserters in Umm Qast, Iraq, and sending them off to a nearby execu-

According to Lt. Don Murray of the Army's 3rd Armored Division, up to 100 college students and army deserters are being shot a day, most without trial, at Basra University,

Captured POWs and Iraqi refugees plead daily for U.S. military intervention.

Hopper elected president

Dr. John Hopper, professor of history/humanities, has been elected president of the Missouri Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). At AAUP's upcoming convention, Hopper will chair the morning session, which will feature a panel discussion on "Academic Freedom and the Arts." The panel will feature former Northwest professor Virginia Hillix and alumnus Bob Walkenhorst, class of 1979.

Purchasing location moves

Campus Safety is changing the location where car permits are sold for the rest of the school year.

Students needing permits can now purchase them at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building. The move will make for better service to the students.

For more information, contact Jill Hawkins, director of Campus Safety.

Professor presents paper

Dr. Annette Iverson, assistant professor of psychology, sociology and counseling, delivered a paper at the national convention of the National Association of School Psychologists held in Dallas, Texas.

Her presentation, "A Multivariate Analysis of Peer Status: Loneliness, Friendships, and Achievement," focused on the academic achievement and social satisfaction of 400 midwestern, middle school children who were either accepted or rejected by their same-age peers.

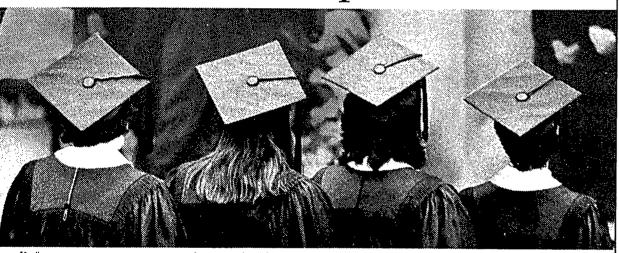
Summer organization forming

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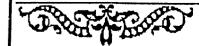
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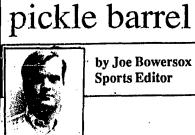
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Over the



by Joe Bowersox **Sports Editor**

When my pals and myself dipped our hands into the pickle barrel this week, we just couldn't help but talking about the NCAA tournament. The Final Four has come and gone once again, and once again the best team watched from the sidelines.

UNLV was supposed to be there, Kansas was not. North Carolina occasionally gets there, and Duke lives there.

Yes, Duke has finally claimed its final quest. After four previous attempts, the dreams of a championship finally came true.

But the funny thing is, just like in most tournaments, Duke is not the best team in college basketball. Only a man wearing horse blinders would disagree.

UNLV proved they were the best all season long. UNLV embarrassed everyone this season: even Arkansas at Arkansas.

This point should not take away the fact that Duke played an excellent game against UNLV and Kansas.

Duke started the ball rolling at the right time, just like many other NCAA champs have. Fact is, the best team does not always win.

Think back two tournaments ago when Michigan met Seton Hall. Neither of these teams were expected to even be close to the Final Four. Heck, Michigan didn't even have a coach until a few days before the tournament.

So does this mean that they were the two best teams in the nation? Of course not. Was Villanova the best team when they upset the great Georgetown team in 1985?

Absolutely not. Villanova was so hot that they only missed one shot in the second nalf against Georgetown. That is a record that will stand for some time.

Danny Manning's Kansas team was even on a roll. Just look back at past champions, and it shows that the best team does not always win. North Carolina State's win over Houston and Indiana's last-second victory over Syracuse are perfect examples.

As great as UNLV's team was this season, it still holds true that anything can happen in a tournament. It sure makes John Wooden's UCLA teams look that much better.

Duke's efforts should not be cut short. What they accomplished is historical, but we must realize that there is a difference between the best team in the nation and the national champions.

Softball team tied for first in conference

by Dale Brown Staff Writer

Just when the Northwest Missouri State softball team looked to be on the brink of a disastrous season, the 'Kittens stormed to a 4-1 mark in the MIAA North Division and knotted themselves into a three-way tie for first place after last weekends' MIAA round robin tournament.

"We played really well and came together as a team," Northwest Coach Gayla Eckoff said. "Our pitching was strong and we had some players put out a good effort at the plate and the field."

Northwest, the host team for the tournament held at Beal Park, set the tone for what was to come in their opening game against Northeast Missouri State University.

Holding a slim 2-1 advantage in the fourth inning, Shannon Armstrong ignited a Bearkitten

scoring barrage with a triple to help propel Northwest to a 6-1 lead which stood as the final score. Armstrong proved to have the hot bat throughout the game as the freshman's four hits tied a school record.

The Bearkittens kept their bats alive in the next contest, gaining five first-inning runs enroute to a 7-2 win over Lincoln. The Lady Blue Tigers did not help their cause in committing seven errors while gaining only four hits.

The win was a costly one though, as starting pitcher Christy Blankenau injured her hip while running bases in the third inning and was unable to pitch for the remainder of the tournament.

In Blankenau's place, freshman Renee Hahn finished the contest against Lincoln to pick up the

"I was pleased with the way I

played and with the team as a whole," Hahn said. "We were playing well defensively and playing together as a team which was good. It just all seemed to be coming together."

Northwest finished off the day in a defensive struggle with Missouri Western before winning a 1-0 decision. The 'Kittens received the only run of the game in the first inning when second baseman Rheba Eustice scored Lisa Kenkel from second base.

The 3-0 record placed the 'Kittens into a tie with Central Missouri State University heading into Saturday's action.

Northwest was quick to break the deadlock with the Jennies however, as the Bearkittens put forth one of their best games of the season in posting a 4-0 victory.

As in previous contests in the

tournament, Northwest jumped out quick in the first inning as Sandy Schiager, Armstrong and Kim Koski collected runs in leading the 'Kittens to a 3-0 lead.

Northwest collected an insurance run in the fifth while Stephanie Marquardt picked up

"We played them (Central), like all of our games with a ready to win attitude," Eckoff said. "A lot of the games we had lost earlier in the season by a run or so could have gone both ways. It seemed everything was going for us during the tournament."

Things were going well for the Kittens until they tangled with Washburn University in the final game.

Playing virtually an even matched game, Northwest saw the Lady Ichabods score the games' lone run in the seventh inning as Washburn moved into

a first place tie with Central and the 'Kittens with a 1-0 win.

"It was a close game all the way throughout," Washburn pitcher Rhonda Rouck said. "We got a run when we needed it though, and that was the difference. I think we'll see them again on down the line (post-season play)."

Despite the loss which was the only mark on an otherwise stellar weekend, many of the 'Kittens have renewed high spirits and look forward to meeting Washburn again.

"I'm ready to play them again," Mary Schrage said. "And we'll (the team) be looking forward to the rematch."

Northwest will have another opportunity to prove themselves in tournament play as the 'Kittens travel to Joplin for the Missouri Southern Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Bearcats place two at Kansas State Invite

by Bill Hackett Staff Writer

Two Bearcat rodeo members placed this weekend at the Kansas State Invitational in Manhattan.

Once again seven cowboys and cowgirls took the honors for Northwest as two of them placed in the long round competition.

According to Bearcat sponsor Dave Sherry, several Bearcats have been contributing to the team's success as two different contestants placed this week than did last week.

Leading the way for the Northwest cowboys was Dave Cannon, who placed fifth in the team roping competition. Cannon teamed up with Dave Cutshall of Kansas State to turn in a time of 6.2 seconds which was good enough? to advance them to the short, round competition.

Dustin Sheldon, despite not placing, also turned in an impressive performance with a time of 13.3 seconds in the steer

wrestling event. "I think the team performed pretty well and I was somewhat happy with my performance," Cannon said. "I feel that it's just a matter of getting the jitters out of our system, and once we do that we'll be fine."

Jill Taylor put in a strong contribution for the women as she placed fifth in the break away event by finishing with a time of 3.3 seconds. Taylor also finished in a blazing time of 12.87 seconds in the barrel racing event but was hampered by a five-second penalty for knocking over a barrel which unabled her to place;

"I was much more confident this week then I was the first time out. I was really happy with the way I roped in the break away event. I just wish I could have sustained the performance in the short round," Taylor said.





RAH, RAH, SIS, BOOM, BA!-Members of the Sig Tau Gamma Fraternity cheer on a fellow member in the Sig Ep Fight Night festivities. Several Fraternities were represented in the two-minute, three-round competitions. (Photo By Todd Weddle)

KNOCK OUT!- During last Thursday evening's Sig Ep Fight Night, Delta Sigma Phi member Phil Rodgers knocks out Phi Sigma Kappa member Danny Westhoff. Rodgers and Westhoff's fight was stopped in the third round after a technical knockout. (Photo by Todd Weddle)

Nelson earns double victory

by Joe Bowersox Sports Editor

The 5th annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Fight Night packed 1,300 fans into Lamkin Gym to watch the 14-bout event, including a double victory from "Bad" Chad Nelson:

The evening started with the 125-pounders. Chad Richter, a Phi Sigma Kappa representative, was defeated by decision to the hands of Tau Kappa Epsilon's Russ Devries.

In the 135 lb. class, Thomas Anderson knocked Linn Shoesmith down for the second time in as many rounds. Referee Steve Leon stepped in and stopped the fight. Nelson received his first victory against 158-pounder Cliff Mor-

ris. After two second-round standing-eight counts, Nelson knocked Morris out with one punch. "It's the toughest fight I've fought in Fight Night. He hit me with

some pretty good shots," Nelson said. Sigma Tau Gammma's Jeff Skelton was a unanimous decision

winner over Alex Briones. Jason Brown, an Alpha Kappa Lambda representative, was vic-

torious over Carl Scott after the fight was stopped in the first round.

In a bout which was evenly matched in the first round, the fight the charity.

was suddenly stopped seconds into the second round when Delta Sigma Phi's Phil Rodgers blasted Phi Sigma Kappa's Danny Westhoff with a devastating blow to the head.

Nelson earned his second second-round victory of the night by defeating freshman Jason Armstrong.

Nelson claims there are disadvantages of fighting two fights in one evening. "It's tougher than I thought," Nelson added. "It's tiring."

Nelson has entered Fight Night for the last five years. He has charted a perfect 6-0 record. Other decision winners were: Thomas Brown over Tim Broem-

mer (170 lbs.), Chad Dennis over John Friedman (160 lbs.), Scott Parker over Brad Knudson (175 lbs.), Doug Dailey over Eric Glidewell (195 lbs.) and Darrin Auxier over Rob Sparks. In the final bout of the evening, Colin "Cobra" Reese knocked

out Phi Sigma Kappa's Mike McKinney in the second round. "I thought the first fight went real well," Reese said. "I had a

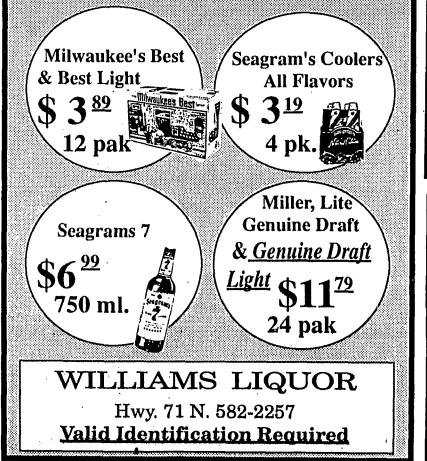
good opponent, but I thought I was in better shape." "It wasn't a battle like most fights. I think I just out-lasted him," Reese said.

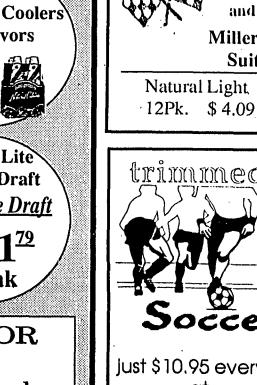
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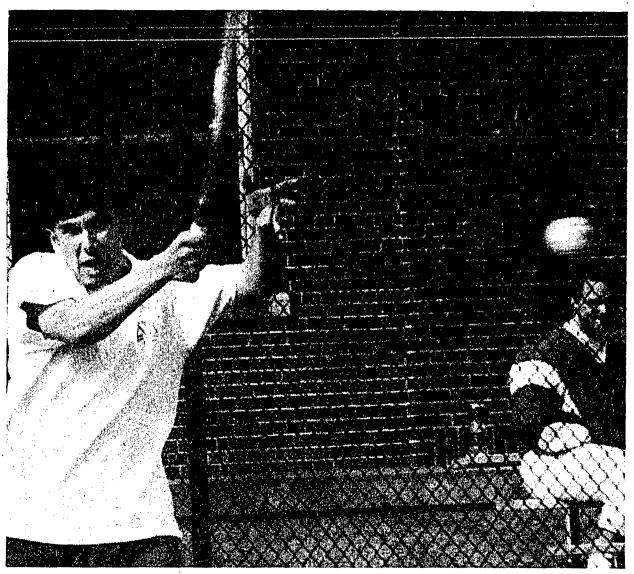
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Erickson remains undefeated,



WHAT A RACKET!- Bearcat Bill Bobo uses a strong forehand top spin to return a serve by a Graceland player. Bobo paired with Kevin Powell and won their match with a score of 6-2, 6-4. (Photo by Amos Wong)

by Gene Morris Managing Editor

The Bearcat and Bearkitten tennis teams won four of their five matches as they hosted the John Byrd Classic over the weekend.

The Bearcat tennis team has won four consecutive dual matches to improve their record to 6-5, while the Bearkittens split their matches over the weekend.

Leah Erickson improved her record to 9-0 on the season with two match wins over the weekend. She was named the MIAA Player of the Week for her

Erickson has been an impossible person to defeat this season. Not only is she undefeated, but she has only dropped two of the 20 sets she has played this season. She has also won 10 consecutive sets.

The Bearcats blanked Augustana 9-0 to open things at home Friday. Northwest's number three and number six singles players won all of their sets. Rob Pekar and Bill Bobo won their matches by identical scores of 6-0 and 6-0.

The Bearkitten's defeated the University of Missouri-Kansas City 8-1 on Friday. The Bearkittens won all of their six singles



his partner, Mike Shane, congradulate their opponents. (Photo by Amos Wong)

matches and lost one of the three doubles matches.

The Bearcats won both of their matches on Saturday with wins over Graceland and William Jewell. Lucho Orellana defeated Graceland's number one player by scores of 6-0 and 6-0.

"Lucho played really well," Tennis Coach Mark Rosewell said. "That's the best tennis I've seen him play in a while."

The Bearkitten's lost their only match on Saturday against the University of Northern Iowa 5-4. Northwest's Kara Fritz and Leah Erickson lost a close third doubles match against Marcy Daniel and Laura McElwain. They lost the first set 6-4 and bounced back in the second with a 6-3 win to even things up. The final set went both ways before Daniel and McElwain pulled out a 7-6 victory to take the match.

Both tennis teams are prepared to make their mark in the conference this season, according to

"I think we will make a strong showing at the conference and that's our goal," Rosewell said. "I think we are playing pretty well at this point and we keep improving."

Cummings, Onuaguluchi lead outdoor teams during Southwest Missouri State Invitational



IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE ... - Attempting to gain height on her jump, Diane Cummings leaps over a bar before entering the sand pit. Both men's and women's track teams will be competing in the Northwest Invitational this weekend at Rickenbrode Stadium. (Photo by Scott Jenson)

by Joe Bowersox Sports Editor

Northwest freshman Diane Cummings placed in three events, including a first-place finish in the high jump at last weekend's Southwest Missouri State Invitational meet.

Cummings also finished 4th in the triple jump and 6th in the long jump.

"She's outstanding," Northwest assistant track coach Mike Robbins said. "She's the best woman track athlete at Northwest."

Cummings' early college success started before she arrived at Northwest, according to Robbins.

"She has a good high school background because her father is a coach." Robbins said. "She also works hard."

Northwest received another place finish from Jenny Sollars. Sollars placed 4th in the javelin.

The Bearcats received another solid effort from senior Ken Onuaguluchi. Onuaguluchi finished 1st in the discus for the second straight meet and also placed 2nd in the shot put.

"He's the best discus thrower in the conference," Robbins said.

Northwest received doubleplacing performances from Ken-

"She's the best woman track athlete at Northwest."

-- Mike Robbins. assistant track coach

rick Sealy and Robb Kellogg. Sealy finished 3rd in the 5.000 meters and 2nd in the 1,500 meters, while Kellogg was 5th in both the javelin and discus.

Northwest recorded a 3rdplace effort from high jumper Terry Karn, and 4th place finishes from discus thrower Kenny Peek and long jumper Tim Gloston.

Robbins is optimistic about the men's performances this spring. "Right now, the men are probably in the top three teams in the conference," he said.

The Bearcats and Bearkittens will host the 1991 Northwest Invitational meet at Rickenbrode Stadium/Neil Track on Saturday,

Baseball team drops two of three to CMSU Mules

by Kenrick Sealy Staff Writer

The Northwest Bearcats baseball team dropped two out of three over the weekend in their triple-header series against the Central Missouri State Mules on Saturday and Sunday at the Bearcat field in Maryville.

The Bearcats won the first game 11-10 on Saturday, but lost the remaining two games 3-2 and 19-5 on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The 'Cats' were trailing 7-0 after three and one-half innings,' but a base hit by Todd Bissell gave the 'Cats'their first run which led to four more runs in the fifth. Wandrey singled in Gary Stickney in the sixth to make the score 10-6.

The 'Cats eventually got the lead in the eighth inning with a 5-run surge that consisted of Dave Svehla's 2-run double and single run efforts by Bissell and Rick Barthol.

The following day the Mules captured the victory 3-2 in the bottom of the tenth with a solo home run from Todd Schreifels. A double by Central's Brian Wilmsmeyer scored the first run and Kyle McCune evened the game on a RBI single. The game remained tied until the middle of the ninth when the game was called off due to darkness.

The game resumed the following day with the 'Cats J. McArthur holding the Mules scoreless and forcing the game into the tenth. Nevertheless, a home run by the Mules Todd Schreifels got the victory.

In the final game of the series, the Bearcats were annihilated 19-5 by the relentless Mule bats.

Northwest's only lead came in the first inning on Dave Svehla's sacrifice fly, but the Mules retaliated with a 19-run explosion over 6 innings to cap the victory.

The 'Cats' next game is against Washburn for a three-game North Division series in Topeka on Friday.

"We want to go there and take three from them, not two, we want to be greedy," Johnson said. "The longer the series the better it is for us, we have a lot of pitching depth."

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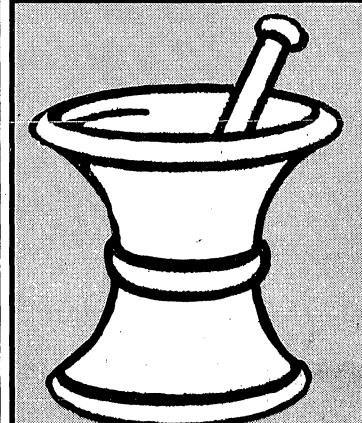
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Molehills to Mountains

*Hurdles for people who are handicapped

by Pat Schurkamp Features Editor

our-inch curbs without ramps become mountains to ascend, three stair steps become endless pits to descend and cracks in the sidewalks become caverns that make getting around the campus an obstacle course for people who are in wheelchairs.

Frustration. For 10 hours I sat in a wheelchair trying to make my way around a non-accessible campus. My first class was in Colden Hall room 101. Starting from the office of the Northwest Missourian, I knew exactly how to make my way to Colden.

This can't be too hard, I thought. All I had to do was go to the elevator in Wells, go to the first floor, then use the # ramp and make my way to Colden.

Wrong. To get to the elevators I had to go up a steep incline. I called for help. Two of my friends assisted in getting me up the ramp. After conquering the ramp, the next step was using the chair lift. Unfortunately, I had no idea how it worked. After several minutes of struggling to open the door of the chair lift, two maintenance men came by and I asked if they knew how it worked.

Success. Although they also had to struggle in getting it opened, eventually they succeed and I was on my way to Colden Hall.

Within a matter of a few minutes of wheeling myself to Colden my arms began to ache, the palms of my hands w became a fiery red and a blister formed on my right

Anger. Pushing with all my strength just didn't seem to be enough to get me to Colden Hall. No one stopped to see if they could help me. With each exasperating turn of the wheel I could feel the anger boiling inside of me. Did no one care? Was their time so important to them that they couldn't even take a minute to see if I needed help?

Downhill. As I turned the corner to make my way down to the first floor of Colden I encountered a slope that was all downhill. Strange, I thought, I had walked down this minute hill hundreds of times in my two years here, 44 and never had I realized just how steep it really was. Sitting at the top of the slope I tried to figure out how I was going to get down it safely. Slowly and cautiously I pulled back on the wheels of the chair and made my descent. Thank God, I sighed as I hit the door opener. What is normally a four or five minute walk now took me 20 minutes in the wheelchair. But, I had made it, and I basked in this small moment of glory. (I failed to realize that after class I would have to ascend the slope and it would take all the energy I could muster.)

Help. Class was over and once again the slope and I confronted each other. The slope was no longer just cement and cracks, but a fire-breathing dragon to be conquered by the crushing metal of my chair. After several attempts at climbing the hill, I realized once again I was going to have to ask for help. I have never been a person to ask for a lot of help, but I found out quickly that I was going to have to break down and allow others to come to my rescue.

The problem was that people still tended to ignore me or, if not ignore me, give looks of disdain as if I were in their way or a freak to be looked at as though I were part of a circus.

Once again, my two friends showed up to give me aid. Up the slope we went, slaying the fire-breathing dragon.

Hopeless. I had only been in the wheelchair for two hours and I was already beginning to feel the hopelessness of not being able to go where I wanted to, "I want this to be over with," I thought. But then I realized that for thousands of people, the hopelessness of not being able to go where they wanted or to feel the cool, green grass tickle the soles of their feet was a reality they had to deal with all of their lives, not just for 10 hours.

Determined, I decided to finish what I had started, I had to understand and feel the frustration of every bump, crack and slope this University had to offer. How else could I begin to understand the frustration of being handicapped in a society made for the non-handicapped?

Plans. Not only were the wheels on my chair rolling, but so were the wheels in my head. First, I had to make a mental picture of each of my classrooms and decide the best avenues of attack for getting to them. Second, I would schedule my leaving for classes around the times that my friends were going to their classes so I could ask for help. And third, I would not give up.

Anger. The anger continued to build throughout the day. "Gee, Pat, you sure are bossy today," my friends would comment.

They were right. With each turn of the wheel my anger grew. I was angry at the University, I was angry at the people who stared, and I was angry at myself. Why, I kept mumbling all day? Why would the state not give the University the money to equip the campus with the proper facilities for people with disabilities? I didn't care, nor wanted to hear about government cut-backs. Somewhere, I thought, the government has to decide what is more important — people or products.

Society. It is a non-handicapped world. Those people who can hear, walk and see are the people that society smiles upon. They are the blue-eyed, blond-haired people of the world.

People with wheelchairs, hearing aids and walking canes are still the untouchables. I, too, would look at a person with disabilities and think, oh, what a shame. But until I was forced to sit in a wheelchair and make way around campus in it, I had never had the empathy needed to understand the pain and frustration of being handi-

Frustation. Frustration upon frustration, anger upon anger continued to mount as the day grew closer to an end. My journey to Garrett-Strong was even more frustrating than the one to Colden. As I neared Garrett-Strong I saw a ramp that entered to the front of the building. Thank goodness, I thought, a building that was equipped for the

But my joy once again faded into more frustration. I made it up the ramp and inside the building only to be confronted by three sets of staircases. Okay, not to panic, I told myself. I saw a chair lift at the top of the steps and tried to figure out how to use it. It was different than the one in Wells Hall. I couldn't figure it out. Dr. Ted Goudge, associate professor of the geology/geography department, passed by.

"Dr. Goudge, do you know how to operate the chair lift?," I asked him.

Unfortunately, he told me I needed to get a key. To get the key I would need to go up the stairs. But, how was I going to do that, I was in a wheelchair.

Dr. Goudge kindly offered to carry me up or down the stairs, but I declined and decided to find another way into Garrett-Strong.

Regroup. Back outside I went and wheeled around to the north side of the building. Suddenly the sidewalkcame to a dead stop. There was no ramp to descend. A four-inch drop awaited my arrival. That was it. I had had it. I was tired of my arms aching from the constant pushing of my wheelchair. I was tired of the palms of my hands hurting from the pressure I exerted when tugging at the wheels, and I was tired of not being able to go where I needed to go!

But once again, a fellow friend came to my aid. As I screamed at the top of my lungs at the fear of being pulled off the sidewalk and dumped on the ground, my friend gently lifted me down from the curb and wheeled me into Garrett-Strong.

Classes were over and it was now 5 p.m. I only had two more hours to go. With each passing minute I became more and more edgy. I needed to go to the bathroom but



A HAZARDOUS HURDLE- Stairs, doorways, bathroom stalls, even cracks in the sidewalk become almost insurmountable hurdles to a person bound to a wheelchair. Wheelchairs can appear menacing and threatening to the non-handicapped. To report on the experiences of the handicapped on the Northwest campus, Features Editor Pat Schurkamp spent 10 hours in a wheelchair. (Photo illustration by Todd Weddle)

was afraid of how it was going to work. Everything else I had planned for had failed and using the restroom was one thing I had no idea how to plan for.

I wheeled my way to the restroom in Wells Hall. But, once again, I found another wall to dodge, another mountain to climb, another dragon to conquer. I twisted and turned trying to fit the chair and me in the

bathroom stall. It was impossible. I finally gave up and cheated for the first time that day. I walked into the stall.

After I finished, I questioned whether or not I wanted to get back in the chair. I knew there was still one more place I needed to conquer -- the Union.

I wheeled myself over to the Deli and made my way through the line. For the first time that entire day a stranger asked if she could help me. It was the cashier. Thank God, someone who had some compassion for the position I was in.

"Thank you very much," I said. "I really appreciate you helping me."

It was nice to know that there was someone who cared

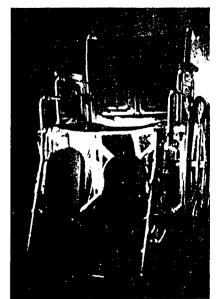
I went home and cried tears of frustration.

money needed," he said. Stadlman said the elevator recently installed in Brown Hall was purchased through local funds.

"The University is not barrier free, but it is better this year than it was last year, and it will be

Jill Hawkins, director of Campus Safety, said that if a student was disabled, even temporarily, they could get a permit that would allow them to park in a handicap parking space, I

"The penalty for parking in a handicap space is \$25. Next year that fee will be raised to \$50. It must be remembered that handicap parking is reserved for disabled drivers 24-hours," she said. "Although a person may look perfectly healthy they may have some problem that is internal."



enough to want to help a fellow stranger. Quickly, my

smile of momentary friendship with this stranger came to 3

an end when I noticed three other students sitting against

the wall pointing and staring at me. But realizing that the

anger I was feeling toward the three unknown students

would only dismiss the kindness that the cashier had?

shown for me if I continued to be angry, I once again.

smiled and simply turned away from the three unknown

feel the sturdiness of my legs as they held my body erect,

As I stood up I realized that I was privileged. I could

get up, but thousands of other people were forever des-

tined to the fate of their chair and the limitations put on §

I could push the wheelchair away from my legs but I

to feel the cold concrete under my feet and to go where I

Relief. Finally it was 7 p.m. Time for me to once again 🔾

People must remember to look beyond the chair to the person inside it. (Photo illustration by Todd Weddle)

Barriers still remain;

by Pat Schurkamp Features Editor

Although Northwest is not completely in compliance with federal regulations regarding handicap accessibilty, Gerald Wright, assistant professor of special education, said the University has made a lot of rides recently for people with disabilities.

"I think everyone on campus is aware that we are not fully accessible. We never had a group try to address this issue and make the recommendations necessary," he

said. "It's mostly been a hodgepodge effort of when a student would bring forth a certain problem it would be dressed in some

manner." Some of the improvements Wright commented on were the installation of more electric door openers, restroom facilities being made more wheelchair accessible

and improved handicap parking. Wright said a group had been formed at Northwest to help address the issue campus accessi-

"The group, Committee for Students with Disabilities, is approximately two years old. Six to eight people serve on the committee," he said.

The committee addresses a full spectrum of disabilities, Wright

"The committee addresses students who are wheelchair bound, hearing paired, blind or have learning disabilities. We encourage and solicit student input and would like to have more students with disabilities serving on the committee," Wright said.

Dr. Nancy Riley, who serves as chairperson for the committee, also said at she has seen improvements made in accessibility at the University.

"A number of things have been done," she said.

Riley commented on the ramps, railings and elevators that have been installed in the past few years at Northwest.

Northwest is very receptive to problems that the disabled student must face, Riley said, and acts accordingly.

"Right now, the committee is focusing on the availability of services," Riley said. "We are working with students and in-

structors." Rollie Stadlman, 504 coordinator for Northwest, said that federal law mandates that an institution accepts federal money then it must comply with certain guidelines set forth by the federal government.

"The guidelines are common sense as well as a Christian thing to do," Stadlman said.

Stadlman said that each year the University asks the state government for money to assist in making the campus handicap accessible.

"Every year money is requested from the state, but in the last couple years we have not received the better next year," Stadlman said.

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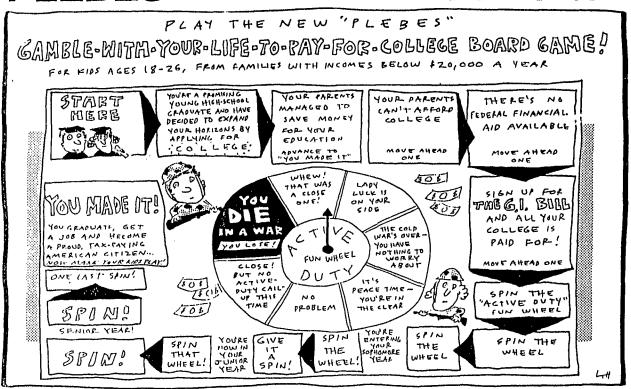
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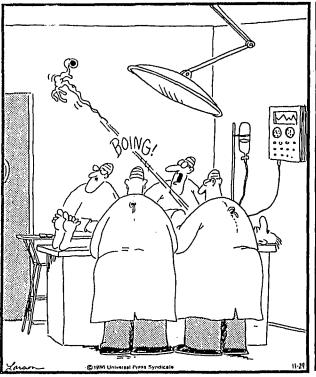


THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON

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"Whoa! Watch where that thing lands
— we'll probably need it."



"Give me a hand here, Etta ... I got into a nest of wiener dogs over on Fifth and Maple."

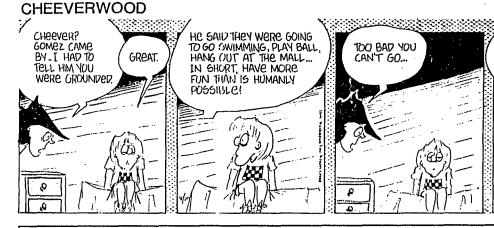
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April 4, 1991

Bearcat Tennis
Emporia State
Johnston Keyboard Recital
Charles Johnson 7:30 p.m.
Comedian Joe Piscopo
Lamkin Gym 7:30 p.m.
Chi Phi Chi Meeting

Governor's Room 9:00 p.m. Circle K Meeting Governor's Room 5:15 p.m. IFC Meeting

Northwest Room 4:30 p.m. Panhellenic Council Meeting Stockman Room 4:30 p.m.

April 5, 1991

London USA Concert
Union Ballroom 8:00 p.m.
'Kitten Softball
Mo. Southern Invite
Bearcat Baseball
Washburn

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Events Calendar

April 6, 1991

Tower Choir Concert
St. Joseph 8:15 p.m.
Northwest Track Invitational
Rickenbrode Stadium 10:00 a.m.
Bearcat Baseball
Washburn

'Kitten Tennis vs. Barton County Grube Courts 11:00 a.m. ISO Talent Show Mary Linn 7:00 p.m.'

Mary Linn 7:00 p.m.

April 7, 1991

College of Arts Honors Assembly
Charles Johnson 3:00 p.m.

Comics Susan Rice and Nick Gaza
Spanish Den 8:00 p.m.

April 8, 1991

Softball vs. Baker Beal Park 3:00 p.m. Bearcat Baseball Southern Illinois

"I Love Norhwest" Kickoff Bell Tower 12:00 p.m. Executive-In-Residence Day

<u>April 9, 1991</u>

Bearcat Tennis
Central Mo. State
Softball vs. Washburn/Mo. West.
Missouri Western
Bearcat Baseball

Missouri-St. Louis
Dr. Jean Kilbourne Ad Lecture
Mary Lin 7:30 p.m.

'Kitten Tennis
Central Missouri

Faculty Recognition Breakfast
Ballroom Lounge 7:00 a.m.
Cherine Heckman Lecture
Spanish Den 12:30 p.m.

Outing turns to nightmare



From
Left Field

by Don Carrick

It was a good weekend until Aunt Edna came along. I had planned for 48 hours of rest and relaxation when my mom asked me to do her a favor.

"Is there cash involved in this?"
I asked.

"In your dreams, pal," she answered. "I need you to go shopping in Kansas City with your Aunt Edna tomorrow."

Now, what I wanted to hear was, "Don, I need you to get up late and lounge around the house all day and for this service I will pay you \$200." But what she said didn't sound anything like that. It sounded like a day I'd rather spend buried up to my neck in sand with the hot sun beating down on my head until I go crazy and think I'm the sixth New Kid on the Block. (Being the second Donny in the group, I believe I would be entitled to barbeque in any Holiday Inn hotel room nationwide!!) Actually the favor entailed my spending the day with my Aunt Edna.

Don't get me wrong, Aunt Edna is a nice person, it's just that she's a bit wrinkled around the edges. I believe every family in America has an Aunt Edna. The aunt that wears the loud print dresses. The aunt that hasn't changed hairstyles for 26 years. The aunt that sends you bow ties for Christmas and your birthday, even after you turn 20 years old. The aunt whose support hose are always around her ankles. You get the picture.

My attitude toward my Aunt

Edna made it hard to accept my mother's request, but after a little bargaining and a kick in the butt, I was swayed to go to what I like to call, "An Excursion to Hell and Points South."

I got up good and early the next morning and, per my mom's instructions, dressed in my "Aunt Edna Suit." This outfit is made up of every piece of clothing my Aunt Edna ever gave me and makes me look like the star of the new movie "Night of the Living Geeks." I top off the ensemble with a splash of "Breaker 19" the cologne Aunt Edna gave me for Christmas 1978. I looked at myself in the mirror with anguish and self-pity. It was truly a dark day for Don Carrick.

Aunt Edna picked me up in her '77 Nova promptly at 9 in the morning. She was an early riser and liked to get a jump on things, plus she said "all the hooligans will be off the street after their all-night partying."

I don't know, that sounded pretty good to me, better than spending two hours on the road with your Aunt Edna. Of course, it never is two hours with Edna, more like three of four, because every time her odometer reaches 55 she screams the worst words you'll ever hear her utter, "Oh my goodness!" and slams the needle back down to a reasonable 35 miles per hour. This not only turns her into a highway hazard, but also moves us along at the speed of the ice flows.

Edna had plans for the day, big plans, and it was up to me to make sure they did not go unfulfilled. My job description on that day was to guard Aunt Edna and her 45-pound purse from what she called the "dregs of humanity"

and to carry all her packages. It was a dirty job and no one should have to do it, but I was born under a bad moon and so fate shouldered me with the burden. I was treated to a day of toting around bags that, had lady luck not smiled upon me, could have caused a major hernia. Edna sometimes broke the monotony by pointing at people and whispering, "Look Don, drug dealers! You can tell by the look in their eye!"

On the way home Aunt Edna treated me to dinner. I was still trying to pull my arms back into joint after carrying her packages and was hoping to get home before dark so the day wouldn't be totally wasted, so I tried to beg off. Edna insisted, "Donald Christopher Carrick, if you don't cat a well balanced meal you'll starve and die!"

Knowing that arguing was pointless, I agreed and she pulled into a family-style buffet restaurant. During the meal I decided to go get seconds. Aunt Edna grabbed my arm. "Don't leave your drink on the table, Don. While you're gone someone might come along and drop LSD in it."

I found myself hoping that somehow the gene that affected my Aunt Edna had not skipped a generation and I would never see my future children covering their drinks with suspicious looks in their eyes.

Blessedly, the ride home was uneventful. As we pulled into my driveway, Aunt Edna said, "Oh Don, I had such a lovely time today. We really should do this again sometime!"

Yeah, right. As my mother once said, "In your dreams pal."

At the movies with College Press Service

CADENCE (PG-13) The Sheen family-Martin Sheen, Charlie Sheen and Ramon Estevez—are the lead players in this overly serious but thin drama that examines racial issues in the military. Charlie stars as a solder sentenced to the stockade where Martin and Ramon are in charge. The rebellious Charlie eventually learns to get along with his fellow black inmates. That's about as deep as the plot goes. Too bad the Sheens got involved with such an out-of-step and dull project directed by papa Martin. BORING DRAMA DIR-Martin Sheen LEAD-Charlie Sheen RT-97 mins. (Profanity)

CLASS ACTION (R) Ever-reliable Gene Hackman turns in a potent performance as a flamboyant civil rights lawyer fighting a negligence

case against an unscrupulous auto manufacturer. Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio holds her own as Hackman's daughter who is counsel for the corporation. This little-guyversus-big-business tale is consistently engrossing and suspense is developed for maximum effect. The courtroom drama mixes efficiently with the personal conflicts of the two battling lawyers. GREAT DRAMA DIR-Michael Apted LEAD-Gene Hackman RT-110 mins.

CLOSET LAND (R) This claus-

trophobic, two-character drama looks at government sponsored political torture. However, the high-minded but uninteresting material here turns out to be a mild ordeal for the audience. Madeliene Stowe plays the writer of children's books. Alan Richman is the official of some vague western country who declares her work subversive and resorts to brutality to extract a confession. The film is loosely connected with Amnesty International. FAIR DRAMA DIR-Radha Bharadwaj LEAD-Madeliene Stowe RT-89 mins (Profanity)

GUILTY BY SUSPICION (PG-13) Hollywood's involvement in the early '5Os with the House Un-American Activities Committee is the subject of this compelling drama. Robert De Niro stars as a blacklisted film director who suffers under the insidious witch hunt for communists within the movie community. Annette Bening co-stars. GOOD DRAMA DIR-Irwin Winkler LEAD-Robert De Niro RT-105 mins.

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